

REMARKS

In the final Office action, claims 1, 4-7, and 10-12 have been finally rejected, and dependent claims 2-3 and 8-9 have been objected to as being dependent upon rejected claims, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 1, 4-7, and 10-12 are hereby cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 2-3 and 8-9 have been rewritten in independent form and, thus, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance. It is noted that, as presented, claim 9 was dependent upon claim 5 rather than on claim 7. This discrepancy has been corrected by rewriting claim 9 as if it were dependent on claim 7.

In view of the above, it is believed that each of the claims now in the application is distinguishable one from the other and over the prior art. Therefore, reconsideration and allowance of the claims now in the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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